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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1858.

Autographs. There are so many autograph collectors among the readers of The Press, who are to Mr. Smith." e found in all parts of the Union, from Maine and Washington, to California and Texas, that we believe we shall do them a kindness by occasionally noticing points connected with their " particular vanity." With the exception of Dr. SPRAGUE's, at Albany, the fluest collection in this country is the property of a gentleman in Philadelphia, and there are also in this city at least three other collections of large extent and great value. The London Athenaum informs us that the library and valuable collection of MSS. and audon, early next year. In many respects, this collection is extremely curious and valuable. Mr. TURNER (who was brother of SHARON TURNER, the well-known historian of the Anglo-Saxons) was a man of great wealth, large acquaintance, and much literary tasteed.

RUSSELL'S HISTORY OF FRANCE. History of France. Institute of time aids towards acquiring and properly estimating, with due discrimination, the interest the most recent date that he is willing to admit and value of autographs. His wife and daughters also had autographic minds, so to speak. WILLEMENT'S CATEOHISM OF PANILIAE ability to the illustration and arrangement of Mr. Tuener's great collection. Where the subject required it, they enriched each autograph of historic, literary, or personal inte rest with original drawings, designs, and bor ders of considerable artistical merit. In fact, never was a collection done more justice to in the way of illustration and arrangement. Mr. DAWSON TURNER was a man of substance-a banker at Great Yarmouth, a remote seaport in the southeast of England—and rode his collecting hobby at a great annual expense. Not a sale of autographs in England or in any of the great continental cities was unattended by some agent commissioned to purchase largely on his account. Nor a European collector of note ever visited England withou making a pilgrimage to Great Yarmouth, for the express purpose of glancing at Mr. Daw son Tunner's treasures. It really could have been no more than glancing at them, for their extent was marvellous. We never saw any collection half so well arranged. It was a pleasure to look at them, a treat to hear Mr. TURNER, with his fine head, expressive eyes, genial smile, gentle manner, and enthusiastic zeal, tell you the history favorite specimens-how he bought this begged that, and was presented with the ther. Very curious, too, were his subcollections. Many persons who visited him, and had previously been proud of their little autographic heaps, of two or three hundred letters, would quit the Dawson collection in despair, and, on returning home, send their own gatherings to swell that of Mr. DAWSON; which seemed like an ocean into which their own tiny rivulets might glide without perceptibly increasing it. This giving up collecting. in a sort of despair, because some immeasura-

bly greater collection had been seen, has occurred in other cases, to our knowledge. In deed, we have been the recipient of such they may again present themselves. he the most extensive ever submitted to public competition, at auction. The Athenaum says, Of the letters classed as antographs there are more than thirty thousand; while entire LABETH, the MEDICI family, NAPOLEON BONA-PARTE, General Wolfe, the Duke of MARL-BOROUGH, and leaving the men of the sword for those of the pen, of TASSO, VOLTAIRE, Sir Isaac Newton, Galvani, Archbishop SHARPE, JAMES HERVEY, THOMAS GRAY, cum multis aliis. The manuscript library also includes extensive series of correspond ence of Anna Maria Schurmann, C.

HUTGERS, DOMENICO MANNI, RALPH THORES. BY, Dr. MACRO, Dr. COVEL, Sir H. SPEL-MAN. STRYPE, Dr. R. RICHARDSON, GEORGI CHALMERS, WILLIAM UPCOTT, and Dr. DIB tant books and manuscripts for the history of the fine arts; amongst these are the Vertue MSS., formerly at Strawberry Hill. Nor must the Glastonbury Register and Cartulary be overlooked. Altogether, this sale will take rominent place amongst events of its class next season." We saw Mr. TURNER's collection about ten years ago, and then were told that it included over 150,000 autographs of all kinds. We did not inquire whether this included Mr. Tunnen's own correspondence which had commenced half a century before and was kept up with nearly all the learned and cientific men of Europe. Mr. Turner's death has occurred quite recently, and as he collected up to the last, his treasures mus have greatly increased since we had a two days' glance at them, examining the most noted, but unable, from the abundance, to linger upon any, exemplifying the truth of Moone's comparison-

Like a child at a feast, Who but files to one sweet and off to the rest. At any rate, Mr. TURNER's private correscondence will not be sold. The Athenaum savs: "However valuable such a series o correspondence must be in the hands of judicious editor, if intended for publication, there is necessarily much which was neve written with any other intention than for private perusal, and which it would be highly in appropriate, not to say censurable, to place in a public sale. It would be well if this proper discrimination were more duly observed by executors and vendors in general." In this last remark we entirely agree. It is too bad to find private letters, written in the fullest confidence, brought to the hammer, even while the writers are themselves yet live ing. The dread of this, to our certain knowledge, made Wordsworth very shy of writing letters except to those intimate friends who posure. Sydney Smith took a certain method of proventing any thing of the sort, by burn-Publish this day:
OHALLEN'S NEW JUVENILE LIBRARY, 24 84
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ollectors a little uneasy, we have to tell then that at least two-thirds of the correspondence of "F. M. the Duke of WELLINGTON," (and nearly every one of the notes, courteous or curt, commencing with these words,) were and written by his Grace. Mr. GREVILLE, his Private Secretary, who had filled that office for over thirty years, wrote so very like the Duke that the difference cannot be detected by the uninitiated. "The Iron Duke." for nany years before his death, was unable to execute the manual labor of answering the vast number of letters which reached him every day. Every man, woman, and child, in the United Kingdom, who had a grievance or roject, made it a point of writing to the Duke, Since the Duke's death, hundreds of these re lies, with the ducal seal on the envelope. ave been sold at prices varying from one collar to twenty, and we are positive that two thirds, at least, are the autographs of Mr. GREVILLE and not of the Duke of WELLING-

There is an anecdote about an authentic autograph of the Duke's, which we may have old before, but rather think that we only intended to tell it. At any rate, we shall run the risk. The Duke's eldest son, now second Duke and then Marquis of Doune, happened to owe some small amount to a bootmaker at Dover, which is very close to Walmer Castle, little smoke.

maker of boots enclosed it to the illustrion father, with a request that he would see it paid. The Duke's reply, which now hangs up, in a gold frame, in the boot-shop a Dover, was in this manner: "F. M. The Duke of WELLINGTON has received the letter, enclosing a bill of Mr. Suirn, bootmaker at Dover. The Duke neither pays the debts of the Marquis of Doubo nor collects those of

Now that we have written down this anec dote, it strikes us that we have told it before What of that? How often has Powers reproinced his Greek Slave?

Law Literature. IN INOUITRY INTO THE LAW OF NEGRO SLA VERY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

to which is prefixed an Historical Sketch of Slavory By Thomas R. R. Cobb, of Georgia. Vol 1, pp. 358

This work is, as its title purports, an inquiry nd only an inquiry, into the law of negro slavery tographs which belonged to the late Mr. Daw-son Tuener will be sold by auction, in Lon-sketch of slavery itself. While disclaiming any political or sectional pur-ose, our author maintains that no organized Go-ernment has ever been so barbarous (we quote his language) as not to introduce slavery among ts customs, and, in a paroxysm of love for the intitution itself, he exclaims that it has been "n niversal than marriage, and more permanent than This onlinen he bases on the fact that one of th nuntes of the ark became a "servant of serrants:17 whence he concludes the curse of Ham ow being executed upon his descendants, in the inslavement of the negro race! But even this conclusion he qualifies by the assertion that the condition of servitude must have existed prior to the flood. The slave trade, he thinks, must have been pursued at a very early day, even in the patriarchal period of the human race, because Joseph was twice sold-once to the Midianitis! merchants, and again in Egypt. Slavery being thus presented to Mr. Cobb, sanctified with the is taken up and treated by him with all the ardor. an enthusiast. He shows how it existed among the Jews; next to them the ancient Egyptian claim of antiquity. Then he traces its history in India, in Assyria, among the Medes and Persians, in China and Japan, in Gresce and Rome, and afterwards in Europe, during the middie agea; and thus he is led to consider slavery in Great Britain, and thence the transition is easy to

an examination into negro slavery and the slave trade, and finally to the history of slavery in the United States. In executing this part of his task our author gives proof of extensive reading and research; and if, in following him through some of his chapters, we are sometimes obliged to smile at the fallacy of his deductions, we are nevertheless forced to credit his sincerity, and admire the ingenuity of his arguments. But here is a declaration we cannot admit in point of fact, nor approve in point of morality: "While slavery, says our author, in name is extinct, slavery in fact exists on the Con tinent (of Europe), and must continue to exist until enlightenment shall have driven intellectual changed so completely the heart of man, that every one shall be contented to occupy that sphero for which his nature fits him." (Intro. cxix, cxx.) for slavery in every form, our author does really seem to believe that if a negro slave has a body to be scourged, he also has a soul to be saved. And this is a concession on his part which we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge. The soul of a slave, it seems, does not pass under a bill of sale.
In reference to abolition in the United States, our author grows quite melancholy in contemplating the sad condition of the free negro offerings, and care not how soon or largely He says, that in order to obtain accurate informs tion he sent a circular to the Governors and lead-

with the names of his correspondents. The reply from Rhode Island is, "they are generally indus-trious and frugal." While the gentleman who answers for Pennsylvania (a member of the Phila-delphia unit, since useessed) says may rue riegro population in this State are "a degraded class; much deteriorated by freedom." In Vermont, it seems, "they are generally able to read and write," while in Pennsylvania they are described as being "not educated, and almost all the decent and slaves in some Southern State!" This is interwoven with a large portion of trash and non sense from the author himself, to prove that sla very is the summum bonum of the African race until wearied, at last, we turn from his "histori oal introduction" to his treatment on the law of slavery, with a feeling that we are to some extent caping from an atmosphere infected with the coply-rooted prejudices of the writer. In the North, slavery is an object of study only in its moral and political aspects. Oprocurts take but very little cognizance over the subject, except

in relation to fagitives. We are hardly qualified on this account to speak critically of the legal merits of the work before us. But so far as we are able to form an opinion, it appears to be writand the law on the subject of the rendition of fuevery other topic to which the book relates, on author takes an extreme Southern view, and not being able to appreciate his labors, we commend holding States, to whom we think it will prove solace in their hours of leisure and retirement, it not a useful text-book in their legal studies. It is printed on good, stout paper, in large type, has sading politicians in the free States, on the them, and is furnished with an admirable index to the two separate parts of which the book is composed. We have no doubt that it will be found useful to refer to on many questions concerning the rights o State Trials, is fully reported and examined, is connection with Lord Stowell's decision in the case of the slave Grace, 2 Hagg. Adm. Rep., 94. and the decision of the Suprome Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott. Mr. Cobb field, for he stigmatises "Stroud's Sketch of the Law of Slavery' as only an Abolition pamphlet and Wheeler's Law of Slavery as a more compend of abridged decisions. If Judge Stroud's book be only an Abolition pamphlet, as our author asserts what name, we should like to know, ought Mr Cobb's book to be called? It strikes us as being nothing more than a rhodomontade in favor of African slavery, and as such, an offset to Judge

Stroud's work, if the latter be of the character at tributed to it. A New Pyroligneous Oil. We were shown yesterday some very fine oil extracted from a material recently discovered in orth Louisiana. It resembles clarified spern but is believed to be superior to all other substan ces now in use for the purposes of lubrication and illumination, and can be afforded at a very re-

The material producing this oil is peculiar. It is found not far from the boundary line between the States of Louisiana and Arkansas. As a carbonaceous fossil it differs widely from those of the Ohio valley, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and may be classed as a true lignite of the tertiary period. When first dug from the mine, it has a dark brown or nearly black color and a com pact structure; but after exposure it loses cold and weight, and becomes very friable. Careful analytical examination, repeated and verified, has analytical examination, repeated and verified, has proved that 100 parts of raw coal will afford an average yield in 162 a carbon 25.13; crude oil, 13; uncondensable voi: 10 matter, (carbo hydrogons,) 17.50; ammoniacal water, 36.50, and ash, 7.87. Specific gravity, 1.229. The fluid crude oil weighs nearly 71 pounds to the gallon, and is obtainable in the proportion of about 38 gallons to the gross ton of coal. Upon redistilling, the loss from imparties is about 20 per cent. in weight, but not so purities is about 20 per cent. in weight, but not s much by measurement. The purified oil contains, by approximate calculation, 20 per cent. of benzole, 12 per cent. of paraffine, and 63 per cent. of burning and thick lubricating oil. It is believed that the oil will produce a larger proportion of paraffine or candle wax than any other coal oil in

The seams of coal vary in thickness.' The on opened is six feet and upwards, and ranges horintally, out-cropping along the sides of the hills. and permitting the mining to be done with extra-ordinary facility. The coal itself is partially stratified, and irregularly cracked at right angles with the stratification, and comes from the mine in angular blocks. When a block is broken the ross fracture is concdoidal. It contains retinite globutes or lumps, some so small in size as to be scovered only with the microscope, and others as It is more than ordinarily combustible, and burns

n a stove rapidly, with a long brilliant flame, and When distilled it does not form coke, or swell or adhere in any manner to the retort, but shrinks, and parts with its oil freely and quickly. The formation is supposed to be extensive, and to afford almost inexhaustible supplies. The cost of extracting the crude oil upon the ground is es-

TWO CENTS CWILDREN [FROM LONGFELLOW'S NEW FORM:] Come to me, O ye children; (...)
For I hear you at your play;

and the questions that perplexed me Have vanished quite away. Ye open the eastern windows, That look towards the sun, Where thoughts are singing swallows.

And the brooks of morning run. In your hearts are the birds and the sunshi

In your thoughts the brooklet's flow, But in mine is the wind of autumn, And the first fall of the snow. th what would the world be to us If the children were no more? We should dread the desert behind us

Worse than the dark before. What the leaves are to the forest. With light and air for food, Ere their sweet and tender juices Have hardened into wood.

That to the world are children Through them it fee!s the glow Of a brighter and sunnier clin Than reaches the trunks below.

Come to me, O ye children, and a state And whisper in my ear What the birds and the winds are singing In your sunny atmosphere. For what are all our contrivings.

And the wisdom of our books,

When compared with your caresse

And the gladness of your looks? Ye are better than all the ballads That ever were sung or said; For ye are living poems, : And all the rest are dead,

Important to Capitalists.

[For The Press.] LLEGHANY COUNTY AND PITTEBURGH ROWNE ATTEMPT AT REPUDIATION-IF SUCCESSES

THÉRE, IT MUST ALSO BE SUCCESSFUL IN OTH CITIES AND COUNTIES. MR. EDITOR: The great question whether ands issued by the county of Alleghany and of Pittsburgh, in payment of their subscript the stock of bankrupt railroads, are to be he good and valid, or may be repudiated at the plea sure of those municipalities, concerns the holde of similar bonds issued by other cities and cou ties, as much as the holders of those above mer

tioned The same defences exist in all then The city of Pittsburgh and county of Alleghan issued their bonds to the following defaultin companies, viz: The Pittsburgh and Steubenvill Railroad Company: the Connelisville, the Alle ghany Valley, the Cleveland and Pittsburgh, th Ohio and Ponnsylvania, and the Chartiers Valle Railroads. The amount of these various issues is about \$4,000.000, for which they hold the stool those companies. The bonds have been from me to time purchased by persons of the sounder adgment, for themselves, or for widows and mino ildren, under the sanction of the law. The rail road companies failing in their engagements eet the interest, the city and county contend that they are not bound to pay, because fraud and misrepresentations were practised upon then by the said companies, in order to obtain the mu

micipal subscriptions and the issue of the municipal bonds. An application for a mandamus to compel the to levy a tax for this purpose is now pending in the Supreme Court of Ponnsylyania, and while w do not, for a moment, doubt that that tribunal wil the Supreme Court of Ponnsylvania, and while we do not, for a moment, doubt that that tribunal will unanimously and indignanily set its face against this wloked sttempt at repudiation in Pennsylvania, yet we would have capitalists reflect where they would stand in the event of that decision being other than we confidently hope it will be.

Now, if the tax-payers of Pittsburgh and Alleghany are to escape the burdon of taxation to pay interest on bonds; issued to non-paying railroad companies, it follows that the tax-payers of Philadelphia muse also escape. So with those of Law force which he might deem necessary. The major force which he might deem necessary. sannot be one law for one section of the Con realth and another for another sect

The city of Philadelphia has issued-750.000 of bonds to the Northwestern Railros Company.
600,000 of bonds to the Hempfield Railroad Company. 2,250,000 of bonds to the Sunbury and Eric Rail-

55,000,000 in all. Not one of these companies furnishes the city with the means of paying her interest, but overy

dollar of it, amounting to \$300,000 per annum, is saddled upon the tax-payer, We know that the same frauds and misrepre sentations complained of by Pittsburgh and Alle ghany were practised upon Philadelphia. Who does not remember the expose of the bogus subscriptions of Urane and Chouteau, in the Sunbury ton with judgment and ability. "Dred Scott," of been too serious for us poor tax payers, had the course, figures prominently in his proper place, effect intended. The Councils supposed the sub-

their defences, the city of Philadelphia will inevitably have to repudiate these bonds issued to non-paying railroad companies. Her tax-payer will force her to do it. No man pays taxes as a luxury. They will either wholly refuse to pay any tax to meet the interest in those bonds or hey will pay it under protest, and thus bring the uestion before the court, where it must be deided in their favor, as in the case of Pittsburgh

It follows that, if the bonds of Pittsburgh and

Alleghany issued to defaulting railroad companies are worthless, the bonds of Philadelphia issued to

the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, the Hempfield

the North Pennsylvania, and the Northwestern roads must also be worthless, utterly and hope lessly so. The amount of money thus honestly invested i he bonds of non-paying railroads—including those of Erie, Washington, and Lawrence counties, and all of which are now in peril—cannot be less than \$10,000,000. The cause of the Pittsburgh bond holder is the cause of the Philadelphia bondholder. It is beyond all comparison the most mo mentous question, both in principle and in amount that ever came before a Pennsylvania tribunal May the glorious conservatism of former days be Bench. May the honor of Pennsylvania and her nunicipalities be maintained; and may the stilential principle of repudiation receive such

never be able to raise its Gorgon head again vithin the limits of the old "Keystone." It is but just to say, in conclusion, that there are many prominent and influential gentlemen in Pittsburgh who utterly condemn this spirit of epudiation-who would rather be taxed to the utmost of their ability than see such a stain come upon their city and county. These gentlemen have toiled incessantly to bring their fellownitizens to a sense of duty and of regard for Glory be to this Spartan Band!

OONSERVATIVE

respondence of The Press.]
October 9, 1858. I have admired your courage and fearlessness in defence of the right. You are greatly mistaken if you suppose that the South is a unit for Lecompton. That execrable fraud is daily becoming an abomination to us. For myself, I never doubted its character or what would be the final result among our generous population. There is a class, indeed, dogmatic and dictatorial, which still and ever will go Lecompton, pure and simple; but it is a class generally odious among the Southern people. and always defented and the southern people. is a class generally odious among the Southern people, and always defeated when we could get issue of Union or Disunion fairly made agains it. I care not what may be the result of the fall ections in the North-I am fully persuaded that the whole Lecompton programme will be ulti-mately repudiated in the South. It takes our cople a long time to find out the bearings of a public question. Our population is sparse; our newspaper press is insignificant in number and

Approval.

Any a now a suggestion to make, briefly. We of the poet Laureate was exhibited some two years have endorsed popular sovereignty in a thousand true, clear, bold; and light be those of a noble round, whether he is successful or defeated in the Mantice has also been executed in the same station. present contest in his own State, will render him studio.

ame of the writer. In order inti he typography, but energide of

We shall be greatly obliged to gentlemen in Per rania and other States for contributions giving the current news of the day in their particular localities, the

Letter from Illinois.

lence of The Press.] SPRINGPIRLD. Illinois. October 9, 1858. MY DEAR SIR: Mr. Douglas, (so far as I know,) during the present canvass in our State, has never mentioned the President's name, otherwise than in terms of respect; and I am satisfied that (pubassisted with all their strength and influence to place in its present position, he will never (except under the most aggravating circumstances) attempt to cast any opprobrium upon him while he re-mains in the presidential chair; no matter how

far Mr. Buchanan may pass the bounds of de-cency in those relations which are not open to the public eye.

The condition of the Democratic party in this State may be regarded, figuratively, the same with that of the French patricts during the "Reign of Terror." Men, I say men, whose days have been spent in the service of their country, and whose seal for the success and permanency of onstitutional Democratic principles in the admi-nistration of our Government has been tempered with a conservative respect for the feelings and prejudices of those whom party predilections would naturally estrange—such men, who have been always reliable, always ready and auxious to sustain the purity of the Democratic party, are daily subjected to the sanguinary operation of the ex-

cutive guillotine. Can Mr. Buchanan hope to sustain a party for himself through such a policy? Has he any knowledge of the impulses and feelings of humanity? Does he know that the great West is peopled by enlightened men, or does he presume that the whole valley of the Mississippi is inhabited by the wild roving Indians?' What influences, in the name of Heaven, can be so operating upon him as to make him a mark for the soom and contempt of the

whole nation?
The return of Mr. Douglas to the Senate by the Legislature to be elected next month, is as certain as anything not yet recorded among the events of the past; the sympathies of a very large majority are callsted in his favor, and they are determined not to be deceived nor disappointed. The success of the State ticket for treasurer and contingencies which have but slight connection with the complexion of the Legislature, and although I consider it probable, yet it is a matter of so little consequence in comparison with the other,

that the Democracy generally are not directing their attention closely to it. GENERAL NEWS.

IMBEGILITY OF THE KING OF PRUSSIA.— The question of the transfer of the royal power of Prussia permanently—it has de facto been for some months past—from the imbedile King to his Prussia permanenty—some months past—from the imbedite King to me some months past—from the imbedite King to me brother, the Prince of Prussia, is said to have been at length virtually, if not officially, decided: The abdicating monarch is still; to retain the title of King, his successor taking that of Prince Regent. abdicating monarch is still; to, retain the title w. King, his successor taking that of Prince Regent. As the King has been pronounced incurable, and is nearly 64, while: the Prince Regent is three years younger, and in full vigor, mental and bodily, the probabilities are that at no distant date he will wear the crown, and, it may be, wear it long. But, at all events, the abdication of King Frederick William, brings his nephew, the Prince Frederick William, the husband of our Princess Royal, a step meaner to the throne of Pruesta. It was said, indeed, that his father was willing to waive his own rights in his favor; but, as the Prince is his own rights in his favor; but, as the Prince is yet young enough at 27 to assume the reins of power, the present arrangement seems the most rational and suitable.

A STRIKE AND RIOT-MILITARY CALLED force which he might deem necessary. The major called on the "Hamtramick Guards," Captain V. M. Butler, and they were in a short time on the march in full force to the some of conflot. At

A MIGHTY MEAN MAN.—The St. Louis Democraticals of a colored family who were driven from their homes on the Illinois shore during the late freshet, and who were forced to take up a temporary residence in St. Louis. Free negrees are not allowed to live in Missouri without a license, and they had none. This neglect was discovered by a very enterprising lawyer, who at once procured the arrest of these "drowned out" trespassors, and caused them to pay over every cent they could scrape, on peril of going to jail—to be whipped out or sold as slaves. Their dues being paid, and they having made preparations to depart, they found themselves accidentally detained a few hours beyond their prescribed three days. Thereupon the limb of the law again caused their arrest, and has them subjected to fines as before. They finally escaped to Illinois. This was the meanest act, even for a lawyer, that we have obtoineded in a long time. A MIGHTY MEAN MAN. The St. Lonie

scriptions of Urane and Chouteau, in the Sunbury of and Eric Railroad case; and how the famous the check for several hundreds of thousands of dollars wont flying about from one account to the other, in the Girard bank, without ever being represented by a single dollar? This cunning mancauve, which might have excited our laughter, had it not been too serious for us poor tax payers, had the subscription bona fide, and straightway subscribed the subscription benefit and the dead body of the woman in the most horrible state of mutilation. The hips and thighs were burnt to a closely of the woman in the most horrible state of mutilation. The hips and thighs were burnt to a closely of the woman in the most horrible state of mutilation. The hips and thighs were burnt to a closely of the woman in the most horrible state of mutilation. The hips and thighs were burnt to a closely of the woman in the most horrible state of mutilation. The hips and thighs were burnt to a closely of the woman in the

A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUIDIDE.—A German shoemsker in New Orleans, La.,
attempted to commit suicide a few days ago, by
cutting a tremendous grash in his throat. He,
however, first took the precontion to bar the door
to prevent being disturbed, but the people soon
get wind of it, and crowded around the deor.
After he had made the gash in his throat, be took
a bottle of wine, and placing the mouth into the
wound, let the wine run in until it bubbled up
and ran over, mixing with the blood. To prevent
the crowd from advancing, he kept throwing at
them bottles and lasts. He was, however, finally
perpowered just as he was commencing to pour
another bottle of wine down his artifalial throat,
and taken to the hospital, where his wound, an
ugly one, but not fatal, was attended to.

A DARING JUMP.—(Die day last week, a gen-A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUI-

A DARING JUMP.—One day last week, a gen-ileman and lady, travelling on the Central Reli-road, ascertained that they were going in the wrong direction—they wanted to go on the Rome and Watertown.road. In this dilemma the two went to the platform of the coach, and the gentie-man, taking the lady in his arms, jumped to the ground. Both fell—the lady beneath the gentie-man can the stratch has head mon at it. Some ground. Both fell—the lady beneath the gentle-man—and ashe struck her head upon a tie. Some people on the train thought the gentlemen's legs work run over, but that is not certain The lady was evidently severely hutt, as somebody was deen to raise her from the ground entirely help-less.

A DIFFIGURITY ERL-MINATED.—During the playing of the Cochiunate fountain on the Common, on Tuesday last, it was noticed that one of the jets did not throw its column of water as usual, when the attendant proceeded to uncap it, to ascertain the cause. This was very easily discovered in the fact that the pipe was completely stopped up by a large eel, which was romoved with some difficulty and found to measure over two feet in length. Being thus relieved, the fountain again poured forth in nustinted volume, and the Naiad musses resumed the gentle cadences of their wonted cong, without further interruption.

The Comer.—By a somewhat remarkable wonted song, without further interruption.

THE COMET.—By a somewhat remarkable coincidence it has been remarked that the years distinguished by the appearance of comets have also been distinguished by superior vintages, and the quality of the vintage has riten in proportion to the brilliancy of the comet. Indeed, so remarked has this fact become as to assume the character of a brand—"Comet brand"—as indicating a superior vintage. This year the vintage is very superior both as to quantity and quality, and we have a comet. Also, the strychnine crop is abundant, and whiskey is plenty—"Comet whiskey."

The Sevence Regiment, (National Guard.)

promises to be a plentiful one. A large number of those delicious dinner fowl are daily taken, and are much fatter and heavier than last year. One of the gainners at the long bridge, a day or two since, shot twenty-two fine ducks at one fire. Those engaged in this business anticipate a success this year sufficiently remunerative to compensate for their losses during the last year.—Wash-

newspaper press is insignificant in number and orientation, compared to the North, and, above all, we are more generally indifferent to Federal politics than you are. These causes combined render us more laggard in making up our opinion on a public question than your quarter of the Union. Hence shortsightedness sometimes mistakes indifference among us for acquiencence or approval. ington Union. MR. THOMAS WOOLMER, whose fine statue

very popular with the honest masses in this region. A "MATRIMONIAL BROKER" in New York very popular with the houses much for a sany we can carry six or eight Southern States, at any has recently retired from business with a handsome fortune.

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